

## REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-20, 22-25, 27-40, 42, and 44-47 were pending in this application.

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-17, 24, and 28 are allowed, and claims 38-40 are indicated to be allowable subject to objection. Claims 18-20, 22, 23, 25, 27, 29-37, 42, and 44-47 are rejected.

*In a paper dated 17 October 2008, the Office indicates that the amendment filed 22 September 2008 is non-compliant because claim 28 includes a recitation of dependency on claim 27 rather than claim 17. The Office will kindly note that claim 28 as originally filed depended upon claim 27. Each subsequent amendment erroneously listed claim 28 as depending upon claim 17. This was likely due to use of OCR software to generate the claim listing for the amendment. Neither the Office nor the applicant noticed this error until the preparation of the most recent amendment. Since claim 28 actually depended from claim 27, not from claim 17, the amendment is actually accurate and compliant with 37 CFR 1.121(c).*

Allowed dependent claims 24 and 28 have been rewritten as independent claims, including all of the limitations of the independent and intervening dependent claims from which they originally depended. Claims 19, 20 and 22 have been amended so as to depend from newly independent claim 24, while claim 29 has been amended so as to depend from newly independent claim 28. Allowed dependent claim 38 has been rewritten as an independent claim, including all of the limitations of the independent and intervening dependent claims from which it originally depended. Claims 18, 27, 30-37, 42, and 44-47 are now cancelled.

Since claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-17, 24 (and therefore claims 19, 20 and 22 which now depend from claim 24), 28 (and therefore claim 29 which now depends from claim 28), and 38-40 are allowable, as indicated by the examiner, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. Should there remain unresolved issues that

require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned, Applicants' Attorney at 978-264-4001 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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